

4. (Original) The computing environment of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of file servers that implement load balancing to distribute traffic among the file servers.
5. (Original) The computing environment of claim 1 wherein the file server implements a heartbeat that determines whether the file server has failed.
6. (Original) The computing environment of claim 1 wherein the file system implements a file protocol selected from the group consisting of Network File System ("NFS"), Andrew File System ("AFS"), and a combination of NFS and AFS.
7. (Currently amended) A computing environment comprising:
a plurality of file servers;
a file system that is adapted to store client applications and data and that is adapted to be accessible to the file servers; and
a ~~minimally configured~~ workstation adapted to couple to the file servers and to a client computer, the workstation comprises a storage medium on which control files are permanently stored, but client applications are not permanently stored;
wherein the ~~minimally configured~~ workstation is adapted to ~~cause~~ client applications ~~to be~~ temporarily transferred to the ~~minimally configured~~ workstation from the file system via at least one of the file servers when requested by the client computer so that the workstation is re-configured as a server; and
wherein the client computer is adapted to utilize the at least some software temporarily transferred to the ~~minimally configured~~ workstation.
8. (Original) The computing environment of claim 7 wherein the data that is transferred to the workstation is used by a client application running on the

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CLIENT APPLICATION FOR
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AS A SERVER

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